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SCHOOLS TOLD TO IMPROVE QUALITY
OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY STRESSED THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRIMARY EDUCATION.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION, MR. TOPLEY SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR SCHOOLS TO TONE DOWN THE PRESENT EMPHASIS ON THE PURELY INSTRUCTIONAL ASPECT OF SCHOOLING.

HE CALLED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 'CHILD-CENTRED EDUCATION' CONCEPT WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS RE-VITALIZING PRIMARY EDUCATION.

THIS CONCEPT, MR. TOPLEY SAID, +DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO RECOGNISE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES, ALLOWS GREATER FREEDOM IN THE CLASSROOM AND ENCOURAGES MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY THE PUPILS.+

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD MADE A GOOD START IN INITIATING CURRICULUM AND SUBJECT DEVELOPMENT, EXPERIMENTING WITH THE 'ACTIVITY' APPROACH, REVISING THE PROGRAMME FOR INITIAL TEACHER-TRAINING, ORGANISING COURSES FOR FURTHER TRAINING OF SERVING TEACHERS, TRANSMITTING AND REFINING ETV LESSONS, ISSUING GUIDES AND BULLETINS TO SCHOOLS, AND PERIODICALLY MOUNTING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS, HE SAID.

+NATURALLY, MORE WORK WILL BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT CHANGE CONFORMS TO SOUND WELL-ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES APPLIED TO THE NEEDS OF LOCAL CONDITIONS.+

THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO MADE A DEFINITE ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE FORMAL TEACHING AND MERE ROTE LEARNING. A COMPARISON OF RECENT S.S.E.E. PAPERS WITH THOSE SET SOME YEARS AGO WOULD SHOW THIS.

THE DIRECTOR SAID HIS DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN STEPS SINCE 1972 TO REDUCE THE DIFFICULTY OF THE EXAMINATION BY EASY STAGES.

+THE SUREST WAY TO SUCCESS IN THIS EXAMINATION IS GOOD COVERAGE OF THE TEACHING SYLLABUSES, COUPLED WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND REMEDIAL TEACHING, WHILE ALLOWING THE CHILDREN ADEQUATE TIME FOR FRESH AIR, PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND SLEEP.+

PRIMARY EDUCATION FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SYSTEM. +AFTER ALL, NEARLY 700,000 CHILDREN OUT OF A TOTAL SCHOOL POPULATION OF 1.3 MILLION ARE ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH NUMBER 1,190, BIG AND SMALL,+ HE SAID.

DRAWING ATTENTION TO ONE ASPECT OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM WHICH ALSO MADE FOR QUALITY, MR. TOPLEY SAID: +I FEEL THAT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN THEMSELVES ARE NOT ENOUGH; THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILD SHOULD HAVE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP MORAL AND SPIRITUAL QUALITIES AND TO STRENGTHEN CHARACTER.

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+IT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE SCHOOL TO FOSTER, FOR EXAMPLE, AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP= RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS, BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS OF OTHERS= THE ABILITY TO APPRAISE OLD AND NEW IDEAS AND TO WORK CO-OPERATIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH OTHERS= PRIDE IN GOOD WORKMANSHIP= RESPECT FOR THE LAW, ORDER AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS= WISE USE OF TIME, INCLUDING THE GROWTH OF CONSTRUCTIVE, CREATIVE AND SATISFYING LEISURE PURSUITS.+

CHILDREN, HE SAID, MUST ALSO BE BROUGHT FACE TO FACE WITH REAL SITUATIONS RELEVANT TO RESPONSIBLE LIVING IN THE ADULT WORLD SO THAT THEY MAY DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO MAKE WISE CHOICES AND ACT UPON THEM.

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CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION A 'BIG SUCCESS'
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TONIGHT DESCRIBED THE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE SITE AS A 'BIG SUCCESS'.

ABOUT 9,000 PEOPLE FROM THE BUILDING INDUSTRY HAD VISITED THE EXHIBITION WHEN IT CLOSED TONIGHT.

MR. STANISLAUS TSAO, LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNIT, SAID, +THE MOST PLEASING ASPECT IS THAT IT WAS A TRADE EXHIBITION WHICH ATTRACTED A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF PEOPLE FROM THE INDUSTRY. IT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE SUCH A KEEN AND POSITIVE INTEREST.+

THE ATTENDANCE WAS MADE UP MAINLY BY ORGANISED GROUPS OF SITE AGENTS, FOREMEN, SUPERVISORS AND WORKERS FROM INDIVIDUAL FIRMS. THE GROUP VISITS WERE ARRANGED BY THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED WHICH OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED THE EXHIBITION.

MR. TSAO SAID HE WAS SURE THE EXHIBITION HAD HELPED MANY PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR SAFETY AT WORK.

+IT WAS DUE TO BE CLOSED AT 6 P.M. EACH EVENING BUT THE BIG RESPONSE RESULTED IN US KEEPING OPEN FOR AN EXTRA HOUR AT LEAST EVERY EVENING,+ HE SAID.

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RETIREMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE

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MR. FRANK RAINBOW, COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON JANUARY 27 AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. RAINBOW, WHO IS 56, FIRST JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ASSESSOR (GRADE 1) IN THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IN JUNE 1952.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF ASSESSOR IN 1960, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN 1964 AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN 1971. TWO YEARS LATER, HE WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE.

MR. RAINBOW IS A FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES AND A FELLOW OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS.

HE WAS APPOINTED OBE IN THE QUEEN'S NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST.

DURING HIS ABSENCE, MR. RONALD GIDDY, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, WILL ACT AS COMMISSIONER.

MR. GIDDY FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1962. AFTER SUCCESSIVE PROMOTIONS HE BECAME DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN 1972.

HE IS ALSO AN ASSOCIATE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS AND A FELLOW OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS.

BEFORE STARTING HIS LOCAL LEAVE, MR. RAINBOW WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SPORTS RECREATION ROOM, ROOM 601, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15).

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NEW FACILITIES FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

A SPECIAL COUNTER WILL BE OPENED IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN PEDDER STREET STARTING THIS THURSDAY (JANUARY 16) TO SELL RECENT COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUES AND SOUVENIR FOLDERS CONTAINING STAMPS OF THE CURRENT DEFINITIVE ISSUE.

FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMEMORATIVE COVERS TO BE HAND-STAMPED, AND A SPECIAL POSTING BOX WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE COVERS.

MR. C. D'ALMADA, PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG PHILATELIC SOCIETY AND MR. J. B. SHAW, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH STARTS AT 9 A.M.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 53,364 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 79.3 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 50,190 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 39,498 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 39,221 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 78.2 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

0.4 MM (0.02 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 AM TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 6.1 MM (0.24 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 9.00 MM (0.35 IN).

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HIGHER TYPEWRITING COURSE FOR TEACHERS
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A COURSE TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF TYPEWRITING TEACHING IN HONG KONG IS BEING RUN BY THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS.

THE COURSE LEADS TO A LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CERTIFICATE IN HIGHER TYPEWRITING. THE FIRST L.C.C.I. EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD IN JUNE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COLLEGE SAID TODAY : +THIS COURSE REQUIRES A COMPARATIVELY HIGHER PROFICIENCY AND EXPERTISE THAN THE PITMAN'S CERTIFICATES. IT IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF IN-SERVICE TEACHERS.+

THE COURSE BEGAN LAST WEDNESDAY AT THE COLLEGE. TO COMPLETE THE COURSE THE TEACHERS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND ANOTHER 19 WEEKLY WEDNESDAY SESSIONS OF TWO HOURS IN THE EVENINGS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +AS THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING, A SIMILAR COURSE IS PLANNED FOR NEXT SEPTEMBER WHEN MORE IN-SERVICE TEACHERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.+

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TEMPORARY WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS AS FROM 1 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15) TO ENABLE WATERWORKS STAFF TO CARRY OUT A TEST FOR LEAKAGE IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY DUNDAS STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, SHAN TUNG STREET AND THE SEA FRONT.

MEANWHILE, A NUMBER OF PREMISES ON THE PEAK WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR ABOUT EIGHT HOURS STARTING AT 10 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FACILITATE A WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

ALL PREMISES ON GUILDFORD ROAD AND MANSFIELD ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED, AS WELL AS NOS. 40-42 AND 52-56 PEAK ROAD, AND NOS. 2 AND 3 BARKER ROAD.

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TRAINING VILLAGE YOUTH FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
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THE YOUTH RECREATION CENTRES OF HOLY CROSS PATH AND SHING ON VILLAGES ON THE HILL-SIDE OF SHAU KEI WAN HAVE BEEN RENOVATED TO PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TWO VILLAGES.

AND IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN RUNNING ACTIVITIES AT THESE CENTRES, SOME 40 TO 50 VOLUNTEERS WILL UNDERGO A TRAINING COURSE BEGINNING THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

THE COURSE WILL BE IN TWO PARTS BEGINNING WITH A SERIES OF LECTURES FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL CAMP. THE LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN IN THE HALL OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH TODAY AND TOMORROW AND ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NEXT WEEK.

A FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY, PRESIDED OVER BY OFFICIALS REPRESENTING GOVERNMENT AND WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE AREA WILL BE HELD THIS EVENING.

THE TRAINING CAMP WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 1 AND 2 AT THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CENTRE IN POKFULAM.

THE PROJECT IS SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST), WHICH HAS DONATED \$3,000 TOWARDS COSTS, AND IS ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE.

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